

cruel as the grave; that its bonds are as strong as death; that there is no receding from its unhallowed infatuations, and that he who enrolls his name under its bloody flag, divorces himself from humanity, and for ever sells his soul to the powers of darkness.

M. B. LAMAR.

Spell and define—

1. Disastrous.	3. Baneful.	Coadjutors.
Proneness.	Infatuation.	6. Mania.
Tinctured.	Turpitude.	7. Ingrafted.
2. Similitude.	4. Aspirants.	8. Audacious.
Extirpate.	5. Atrocities.	Quailed.

LESSON XCVIII.

Spell and define—

2. AP-PRE'CI-AT-ED, properly valued.	6. UN-TAR'NISHED, not stained, unblemished.
3. HEC'A-TOMBS, immense numbers.	CHAP'LET, a wreath for the head.

THE EXPLOITS OF GENERAL TAYLOR.

1. SIR: This whole country was thrown into one general burst of joy, our towns were illuminated, when the little army on the Rio Grande repulsed, beat on two fields, a Mexican army three times their number, advantageously posted, and fighting with obstinacy proportionate to their numerical superiority. But why recount it? It was an army, according to the senator's dictum, which could have been held in check by two hundred and fifty Texan rangers.

2. Is it true, sir, that those soldiers who had spent their lives in acquiring their profession, with an army of two thousand men, than which none was ever more favorably composed for desperate service, old soldiers and young leaders, performed what two hundred and fifty Texan rangers could have done so much more effectually? Shades